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"Beneficent Legislation."

"Beneficent legislation" is the phrase which the President employs in his annual message to describe the legislation the Republican party has resorted to as a legislation than that which is thus characterized. Never was there a more outoutrageous measures. As Ireland is natural shrewdness, impoverished by the collection of rents some of the northern Democrats are not for their conduct in so doing that they are compelled by the Republicans thus to vote. The old soldiers—if indeed they are old soldiers who thus rob the Federal Treasury-are so persistent and insistent in their demands that every member of Congress from the North, Republican or United States put on our studying caps.

If the pension legislation of Congress is based upon facts, then the Confederate The decision was in brief that a tax levied armies must have been composed of the best men in the land, and the Federal of the Canadian Grand Trunk Railroad armies of men who were not so much Company is a valid and constitutional tax. to the Union as they were We quote:

"The tax was levied under a general law of we shall use no harsh words in the State, lovying an excise tax on railways for speaking of the Union soldiers. We desire only to quote from the President's message a few figures which, being official and coming from the first Republican gardleman in the country, the President of the State. In roads like the Grand Trunk, partly within and partly without the State, the rate can gentleman in the country—the Presi- was assessed by taking the average gross redent of the United States, to wit-cannot be set down as either unfair or untrue. plying it by the number of miles operated by But they are certainly well calculated to the road within the State

ed? What service did these seven hundred thousand render to their country war ended twenty-six years ago. Surely in determining the amount of the excise tax was in effect the imposition of the tax upon such relatives have died during the later. diers have died during the last quarter of a century. And yet the Commissioner of Pensions expresses the opinion that he will be able to allow 350,000 new claims during the present fiscal year! Think of that. If the whole Confederate army-all the boys that wore the gray-were pensioned their number would not be equal to that of the immense army of Union pensioners soon to be quartered upon an over-taxed country. Recollect that these 350,000 "old veterans" are to be in addition to the 700,000 just above mentioned. More than a million of pensioners! Why, what a waste of time and what a hypocritical clamor is all our talk in this country about the standing armies of Europe. We have a standing army of more than a million. We in this free country, as we call it, we who claim to have disbanded our armies in 1865, and thus given to the world an example of what a republic is as compared with monarchical institutions; we who boast that our soldiers are not mercenaries-we have more than a million of pensioners And what a long-lived set of armies. Why the facts, or rather the figare unbelievable-incredible. ought to say that these figures include a goodly number of women, but that fact does not render our taxes any lighter.

What amount of money will those pen-sions call for? For the fiscal year 1890.'91 the amount expended for pensions was over \$118,000,000 ! And the estimate of pear in this paper while Congress and the the Commissioner of Pensions is that fer General Assembly are in session. the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, he will need \$144,956,000 !

The legislation which has thus laid burthens upon the tax-payers the President calls "beneficent legislation." We leave it to the people of the whole country to decide whether the President has used language which the facts justify.

The Soldiers' Home

We trust that the General Assembly will find it consistent with other demands upon the State Treasury to increase the appropriation to the Soldiers' Home. It is bad enough for a worn-out and

maimed soldier to be in dependent circum- reason for her refusal. stances, but when he finds himself alto gether without a bome in which to lay his head his condition becomes pitiable indeed. We ought never to allow any man who was a gallant soldier to go to the The name is an asylum for the homeless,

and it has done great good, but it is capable of yet better service if it is given a little more money so that it may receive some of the applicants who are now asking

Ohio-Sherman's Successor-The Ohio Legislature will meet the first week in January. On the second Tuesday after its meeting and organization a United States senator to succeed Mr. SHERMAN will be elected, or rather an election will field we cannot say. The Foraken men using.

are very aggressive. The SHERMEN men are very firm and hopeful. We shall not ENGLISH PLUM-PUDDING. OF FORANCE. The fact that some New York papers are discussing the question whether Mr. CLEVELAND is a candidate for the presidency shows that the Nonchoss-Sagr sen-

needs a new one. Tennessee will be reduced to the necesnty of establishing a new police system to protect the convicts hired out to miners. It is found impracticable to call out the militia for protracted periods and, besides, it is not certain that the soldier

sation has worn out and that Gotham

boys would relish permanent employment of this description.

Tennessee will have to abandon her ent lease system. It is unjust to free labor and it must result in violence. And when the violators of the law are arraigned before the courts they will be acquitted invariably.

Goff Our Judge.

Among the names of nominees of the President for places as judges of the Intermediate Court of Appeals is that of Hon. NATHAN GOFF, of West Virginia,

The people of the Old Dominion would have preferred Hon. LUNGSOND L. LEWIS, president of our Supreme Court of Appeals and at one time it was thought that he would probably receive the appointment. As to his fitness and character there was no question, but he was not favored by General Manone, and that was a good enough reason at this time to cause the President to hesitate, but from the first he ro doubt regarded the claims of Mr. Gorr as superior to the claims of any Virginian.

Mr. Gorr was born in Clarksburg in 1843 : was educated at the Georgetown College and the University of New York; enlisted in the United States army in 1861 and rose to the rank of major, and in 1865 was admitted to the bar. He has served as a member of the West

Virginia Legislature, as United States Dis- of the bargains are selling out day after day. trict Attorney, as Secretary of the Navy (for an unexpired term), and as a member of Congress. A few years ago he was the Republican candidate for Governor of West Virginia and was deteated after a rather close contest.

He is a man who is well thought of in his party, and who has aspired to high places. Indeed, it was believed a year or two ago that the President would give him a min-isterial appointment abroad if no Cabinet place at Washington could be found for

In view of the never-dying, but always means of securing the "old soldier" vote doomed, hopes of the Republicans of car-for that party. Never was there worse rying West Virginia for their presidential nominee, it was quite certain that he would be provided for sooner or later by rageous example of what is very appro-priately styled "absenteeism." It is and it will be not without surprise that sm of the same kind that has those best acquainted with him will rendered Ireland the home of undeserved hear that he has propably consent-suffering and want. The pension legisla-tion of the malignant Republicans has qualifications we are not particularly prereached a point where its withering hand pared to speak. Probably they are comes in contact with the prosperity adequate, for he has had great opportunithat would be ours but for those ties, and he is a man of education and

The Chief Justice, Circuit Judge Hugh in that country to be expended in England or chewhere, so the southern States of this Union are impoverished by the collection in the country of the country tion in them of money to be expended in of Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia, the northern States. We cannot say that and North and South Carolina.

Among the President's nominees are two guilty of voting for this hateful legisla- Democrats, Mr. PUTNAM, of Portland, Me., tion. But it is to be said in partial excuse and Mr. George M. Dallas, of the historic Dallas family of Pennsylvania.

What Will John Bull Say? The Supreme Court of the United States rendered a decision last Monday which is calculated to make all of us here in the Democratic, seems to vie with every other and to cause England to open her eyes to \$1 Indian Baskets for member from that section in devising the wonderful government which her disschemes for plundering the Treasury un- loyal sons framed for her colonies in 1783. der pretence of pensioning the saviors of But the decision in question was rendered by a vote of 5 to 4, and so will almost certainly come up hereafter for a new hearing. by the State of Maine on the gross receipts

celpts per mile for the entire line and multi-

make the "Old Confeds" feel proud of their record. But to the figures:

The total number of pensioners upon the rolls on the 39th of last June was 676,160. Nearly seven hundred thousand "penthed defondant. This ruling, says the Supreme the defendant. This ruling, says the Suprem sioners"! For what were they pension- Court, was founded upon the assumption that a eference by the statute to the transportation eccipts and to a certain percentage of the same

We say the case will be almost certain to come up for a rehearing. This probability is rendered the greater by the fact that the dissenting justices were Messrs, Bradley, HABLAN, BROWN, and LAMAR. The Supreme Court has been called "Joe Bradler's" court. Perhaps that tribunal will come round to his way of thinking in the Maine

Whether the Speaker of the House of Representatives ought or ought not to offer the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee to Mr. Mills is a question now much discussed.

For our part we feel sure that the

Speaker will do exactly what he considers right and proper in view of the relations between him and the distinguished Texan. If, however, the position of Mr. Mills on important measures of public policy is not that of the Speaker it is scarcely reasonable to ask the Speaker to waive that point.

It is almost certain that if the Speaker men our Union brethren did get into their does not give Mr. Mills this chairmanship he will give him another of very great

> We have received scores of "letters from the people" which we are unable to publish at this time. Our correspondents must be brief if they

hope to have their communications ap-Nine out of ten writers set out with long introductory paragraphs which are worse than useless. It is a day of telegraphic

brevity and postal-card conciseness. It is not surpising that China has de-

clined to take any part in the World's Fair at Chicago, but it is rather surprising that the United States should have expected her to reach any other conclusion than that which she has just announced. Her feeling against the anti-Chinese laws was very distinctly shown when she refused to receive Mr. Blazz as our Minister and when she made no attempt to conceal the

are under obligations to Senator JOHN W. DANIEL for a copy of the Congressional Directory.

Madame Janauschek Unable to Act. Madame Janauschek was unable to ap-Madame Janauschek was unable to appear at the Lyceum Theatre, Baltimore, on Tuesday night, says the Sua, much to the regret of those who had seen her Mouday night in the new play of the "Harvest Moon." She played Monday night against the expressed wish of her manager, Mr. W. N. Lawrence, and ca Tuesday the affection of the throat from which she is suffering had so greatly increased that Dr. charles W. Filler foars she will have pneumonia. The Messrs, Albaugh have cancelled her engagement for the remainder of the week. Madame Janauschek has many friends in Baltimore who regret her sickness. She hopes to go to Richmond, Ya, next Monday. in Baltimore who regret her sickness. Sh hopes to go to Richmond, Va., next Monday.

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